that the students of this State are finding it extremely difficult to get admissions into the technological institutes outside the State?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— There is difficulty in getting admissions not only to the technological institutions but also to the other colleges like the Medical College, Engineering College &c. The difficulties are not such as can be removed by this Durbar alone. We have to get over this difficulty in conjunction with other Durbars and British Indian Provinces. We have to come to some arrangement with them on a Contributory basis. A very large amount has to be paid for reserving a few seats for the students from our State. Now contribution is being made to some Colleges.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar**:— Are contributions being made to the Victoria Technological Institute at Bombay?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— No.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar**:— Were contributions made at any time?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— I want notice.

## Mrs. Velayudha Menon—special allowance—Payment of.

**236. Mr. P. Raman Menon**:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mrs. Velayudha Menon at any time waived her claims for the place of the Inspectress of Schools;

(b) the superior claims of Mrs. Velayudha Menon for the special allowance sanctioned to her by Government?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— (a) No.

(b) No special allowance has been sanctioned to Mrs. Velayudha Menon. A local allowance attached to the post of the Headmistress, Girls' High School, Ernakulam, to be drawn by whom-so-ever is the Headmistress of the school was allowed to her.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon**:—When was this allowance attached to this post?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— The date of the order is the 13th of February 1935.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni**:—What are the special reasons that induced the Government for sanctioning this local allowance and when was the allowance approved of by the Government?

**Mr. I. N. Menon**:— One main reason was that the strength of this school was enormous to justify a special allowance to be given to the head of the school.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni**:—May I know, Sir, what the other reasons are?

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**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— That is the main reason.

**Mr. C. R Iyyunni:**— Are there not any other institutions where the strength is enormous?

**Mr. I. N. Menon:**— I want notice.

## Consumption of alcoholic drink.

**237. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the consumption of alcoholic drink has increased or decreased in the last 5 years in the State and to what extent it has been increased or decreased ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— The consumption of arrack in 1105 was 51,272 proof gallons. In 1109 it was only 23,937 proof gallons.

There is a decrease of 27,345 proof gallons.

There is an increase of 7,605 gallons (bulk) of foreign liquor in 1109 over the figures for 1108.

The records prior to 1108 were destroyed.

As regards toddy there are no records to show how much quantity was consumed in each year.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— Sir, may I know whether the number of trees licensed for tapping toddy increased?

**Mr. M P. Cherian:**— There is a decrease.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:**— May I know the decrease in the number of trees?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— In 1105 the number of trees tapped was 79, 240. In 1109 number was 61, 190.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Will the Hon'ble Member for Excise kindly tell me what they intend to do to check this bad habit ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— We have already explained in this House our Excise policy in the State.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— What is that ?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**— Temperance with a view to gradual prohibition.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— Are you following that policy?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian:**—There has been no failure.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:**— You do not seem to make the position clear.

**Mr. President:**— The Hon'ble Member cannot carry on a conversation in this manner. I understand that he has been in this House for a long time and still he is the only Member who acts in this way. All remarks by any Member of this House must be addressed to the Chair. The Hon'ble Member cannot address the Hon'ble Member for Government in the second person.

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